Central Water Commission have been completed. On Konar Dam repairs, on the basis of the suggestions of the Experts Committee, were to be carried out by the Damodar Valley Corporation.

Soil Conservation measures, afforestration and Water Management practices in the catchment of River Valley Project adopted by the State Government are expected to reduce the rate of sedimentation in the reservoirs.

Project for Linking of "Par-Tapi-Narmada"

1699. SHRIMATI URMILABEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to refer to the reply to unstarred question 4254 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 14th May, 1997 and state:

(a) the number of meetings of the National Commission for Integrated Water Resources Development Plan set up in September, 1996;

(b) what further action Government have taken or propose to take for linking 'Par-Tapi-Narmada' for which the feasibility report has been completed; and

(c) the amount earmarked for the project during the Ninth Five Year Plan period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI SIS RAM OLA): (a) Two meetings of the National Commission for Integrated Water Resources Development Plan have been held so far.

(b) and (c) The National Water Development Agency (NWDA) has forwarded the feasibility report of Par-Tapi-Narmada link to the Governments of Gujarat and Maharashtra. Further action can be only after a formal agreement betwen the two States for implementation of the scheme is reached.

Supply of Additional Water to Delhi

1700. SHRI MOHINDAR SINGH KALYAN: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether neighbouring States of Delhi have been requested to make additional supply of raw water to increase the capacity of potable water of Delhi;

(b) if so, the names of these States with details of additional water requested from each state;

(c) whether Government propose to intervene in view of ensuing Summer Season;

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether Government also propose to take strict action against illegal connections of Delhi; and

(f) if so, details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI SIS RAM OLA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) No, Sir. After the signing of Yamuna sharing Accord on 12.5.1994 and directions to the Supreme Court of India dated 29.2.96, NCT of Delhi is getting sufficient raw water for all its existing water treatment plants.

(e) and (f) Yes, Sir. Government of NCT of Delhi keeps regular vigil on unauthorised water connections and whenever any unauthorised connection is noticed action to disconnect the same is taken promptly as per rules.

Irrigation Potential in Orissa

1701. SHRI SANATAN BISI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether a team visited Orissa to assess the Irrigation Potential; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the report and implementation thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI SIS RAM OLA): **(a) No,** Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Chinese Project to "Lift" the Brahmaputra waters to Gobi Desert

1702. SHRI PARAG CHALIHA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of a project of China to "Lift" the Brahmaputra waters to the Gobi desert to the great disadvantage of the North Eastern Region of the country;

(b) if so, the steps taken to prevent China from indulging in the project; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI SIS RAM OLA): (a) There was a news report entitled "China's 'explosive' Design on Brahmaputra carried by the 'Economic Times dated 18th November, 1996 is based on an article in the June, 1996 issue of the Scientific American (A US Journal). This article quotes a US expert, belonging to an NGO, that Chinese engineers may have prepared a concept paper of using peaceful nuclear explosions (PNEs) for a project to build a 20 kilometre channel through a mountain range for diverting water of Brahmaputra river.

China subsequently, revised its position on PNEs. It announced a moratorium on the conduct of nuclear expulsions on 29th July, 1996 and signed the comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty (CTBT) on 24th September, 1996, which prohibits PNEs and provides for a review on the utility of the PNEs after 10 years, if there is a consensus among the States Parties of the CTBT.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

मध्य प्रदेश में हसदेव बायी तट नहर का निर्माण

1703. **श्री दिलीप सिंह जूदेव:** क्या जल संसाधन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) मध्य प्रदेश में हसदेव बायी तट नहर के निर्माण के लिये "नाबार्ड" से 1994-95, 1995-96 एवं 1996-97 में कितनी धनराशि प्राप्त हुई;

(ख) राज्य सरकार द्वारा इस कार्य के लिए कितनी धनराशि की मांग की गई थी;

(ग) इस महत्वपूर्ण सिंचाई योजना पर मार्च, 1997 तक कितनी धनराशि खर्च हो चुकी है और कितने प्रतिशत कार्य पूरा किया जा चुका है; और

(घ) नाबार्ड द्वारा अधूरी सिंचाई [illegible] करा कर सिंचाई सुविधाओं में वृद्धि हेतु विगत तीन वर्षों में दी गई सहायता, पूर्ण की गई योजनाओं के नाम, उन पर व्यय की गई धनराशि तथा प्राप्त उपलब्धियों का ब्यौरा क्या है?

जल संसाधन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री शीश राम ओला): (क) से (ग) हसदेव बायी तट नहर नाम की कोई परियोजना नहीं है। नाबार्ड ने हसदेव बायी तट नहर के लिए किसी भी प्रकार की वित्तीय सहायता नहीं बढ़ायी है। नाबार्ड ने मध्य प्रदेश सरकार से इस प्रकार की किसी परियोजना के लिए वित्तीय सहायता देने संबंधी प्रस्ताव प्राप्त नहीं किया है।

(घ) नाबार्ड ने अभी तक मध्य प्रदेश की 4 वृहद्, 21 मध्यम तथा 277 लघु सिंचाई परियोजनाओं के लिए 438.79 करोड़ रुपये स्वीकृत किए हैं। मध्य प्रदेश सरकार द्वारा दी गई सूचना के अनुसार जून, 1997 तक आठ मध्यम और 101 लघु सिंचाई स्कीमें पूरी की गई हैं।

Sharing Common Water Resources between India and Nepal

1704. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether during the recent visit of the Prime Minister to Nepal, the question of sharing common water resources between the two countries was considered;

(b) if so, what precise issues were discussed there; and